



Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 9:30 a.m.  
AIDT Training Center  
15 Technology Court  
Montgomery, Alabama

John Orr, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:41 a.m. at the AIDT Training Center, Montgomery, Alabama, as posted on the Secretary of State's website. Mr. Orr asked Lynne Taunton, AESBL Executive Director, to call the roll. Members present: John Orr, Scott Hunter, Joe Marsh, and Sheriff Derrick Cunningham. Stacia Robinson and Kristi Jennings were not in attendance.

**I. Quorum:**

A quorum was present. Bettie Carmack, Assistant AG and Board's Legal Counsel certified the quorum.

**II. Minutes of February 7, 2017, Board Meeting:**

Mr. Orr asked members to review the minutes for the February 7, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Mr. Orr. An individual vote was taken: Mr. Marsh voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve, Mr. Hunter voted to approve, and Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve. Motion carried.

**III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:**

- A. Hugh O'Neal asked the Board if CEUs could be earned for attending AESBL Board Meetings. Motion to allow one (1) continuing education unit (hour) per quarterly board meetings was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The AESBL staff will provide certificates at each scheduled meeting.
- B. Mrs. Barbara McGowin of the Alabama Locksmith Association discussed the issue of locksmith CEU waivers. Mrs. McGowin provided a list printed from the AESBL website showing, with alleged proof, the companies that are conducting business on the commercial side of locksmithing, which is prohibited under the

CEU waiver. She requested that the Board do away with the locksmith CEU waiver. Ms. Carmack recommended it be discussed in Executive Session due to the potential legal ramifications.

- C. Roman Hirschy discussed the issue of state bids being awarded to unlicensed companies. Board Members decided that a statutory change would need to be made regarding this; but in the meantime, a possible rule change could be made and that the AESBL would work with the League of Municipalities on the issue.

#### **IV. Consumer Education Campaign:**

Members discussed a side-by-side comparison of bid proposals from Cunningham Group and Copperwing. Motion to accept the proposal from Copperwing with the bid amount of \$250,000 made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Marsh. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

#### **V. Training:**

Ms. Janet Robinson, Executive Assistant, presented a list to the Board members of continuing education training that had been approved by the Alabama Alarm Association and the Alabama Locksmith Association. The list of twenty-four (24) courses was for information only.

Board members reviewed a sales certification class submitted by Elite CEU, Inc., titled "Security System Sales Certification." Motion to approve the sales certification class submitted by Elite CEU, Inc., made by Mr. Hunter. Second by Mr. Marsh. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

#### **VI. Permitting of Licensing of Companies for 2017/2018:**

For 2017/2018—Mr. Orr called for a motion on the one hundred fifty-nine (159) companies that had been licensed from January 1, 2017, to March 31, 2017. Of the 159 companies, eight (8) were licensed for 2017 and one hundred fifty-one (151) were licensed for 2017-2018. A motion to approve the licenses of the 159 companies was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

#### **VII. Permitting of Licensing of Individuals for 2017/2018:**

For 2017/2018—Mr. Orr called for a motion on the seven hundred forty (740) individuals licensees with background checks that completed the licensing process from January 1, 2017, to March 31, 2017. Of the 740 individuals, one hundred eighteen (118) were licensed for 2017 and six hundred twenty-two (622) were



licensed for 2017-2018. A motion to approve the licenses of the 740 individuals was made by Mr. Marsh. Second Mr. Hunter. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**VIII. Fines for Late/Non-Renewal of Licensing:**

Ms. Jordan Williamson, AESBL Licensing Coordinator, presented to the Board a list of companies that were incomplete or had not renewed as of March 31, 2017. Mr. Orr called for a motion on the forty-three (43) companies listed as late or non-renewing for 2017-2018 that are subject to a \$500 fine for not submitting / completing by March 31, 2017. A motion to approve the \$500 fine for the 43 companies listed was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Marsh voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve, and Mr. Hunter voted to approve. Motion carried.

**IX. Unlicensed Companies Report:**

Mrs. Deborah Speigner, AESBL Compliance Auditor, presented to the Board a list of eleven (11) unlicensed companies that she is currently working on. Mr. Chris Murphy, AESBL Inspector provided additional information regarding work he had completed on the unlicensed companies.

**X. Committee Reports:**

**A. Education Committee:**

The Committee met in Montgomery, Alabama, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, to discuss CEU requirements for locksmiths after Rule changes caused these requirements to increase from eight (8) per year to eight (8) and twelve (12) per year (20 per year). The Committee was comprised of Mr. Orr, Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Taunton, and Ms. Janet Robinson. A quorum was certified as reflected in the Minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting. The Committee recommended to the full Board that all disciplines licensed with the AESBL that require CEU hours be required to have eight (8) hours per year. The following disciplines are included: Burglar Alarm, Locksmith, Electronic Access Control, CCTV, and Sales. The cap of 24 CEUs per two-year licensing period will remain, and a Rule change will be required.

The Board was also informed that standardized certification is acceptable for Monitoring Station training, according to Rule 304-X-1-.04(2)(a), and this does not include in-house training.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2017, Education Meeting by Mr. Orr. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Orr voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Hunter voted to approve, and Mr. Marsh voted to approve. Motion carried.

Motion to approve CEU changes requiring eight (8) continuing education units (hours) per discipline per year with a maximum of 24 CEU hours and to approve the corresponding Rule changes was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Marsh. Mr. Orr voted to approve, Mr. Marsh voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, and Mr. Hunter voted to approve. Motion carried.

**XI. Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Mr. Marsh to enter Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of licensed companies and to discuss with the Board's attorney the legal ramifications of controversies not yet being litigated but may likely be litigated if a certain course of action is taken. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Marsh voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve, and Mr. Hunter voted to approve. Assistant Attorney General Bettie Carmack declared at 11:00 a.m. that the Board was in Executive Session until approximately 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Hunter to return to General Session. Second by Mr. Orr. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Hunter voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, and Mr. Marsh voted to approve. Assistant Attorney General Bettie Carmack declared that the Board was back in General Session at 1:00 p.m.

Regarding item **XI.A.** on the Executive Session agenda, concerning the CEU Locksmith Waiver, a motion was made by Mr. Orr to send letters to all companies on the waiver list that are known to be doing work other than strictly residential asking that they surrender their waiver. Second by Mr. Marsh. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item **IX.B.** on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Marsh to uphold the \$1,000 fine against Galleria Lock & Key in Bessemer, AL, owned by Mr. Jim Campbell, and to further authorize legal counsel to file an injunction against the company unless fine is paid and 16 CEU credits are submitted to complete the licensing process for 2017-2018. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.



Regarding item **IX.C.** on the Executive Session agenda, the following motions were made pertaining to unlicensed companies:

**IX.C.(a)**—Motion was made by Mr. Marsh for legal counsel to send a letter giving A-Z Lock and Key thirty (30) days to submit for licensure or a cease and desist would be issued followed by an injunction if need be. Second by Mr. Hunter. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**IX.C.(b)**—Motion was made by Mr. Marsh for legal counsel to send a letter giving Audio Works thirty (30) days to submit for licensure and a cease and desist would be issued followed by an injunction if need be. Second by Mr. Orr. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**IX.C.(c)**—Motion was made by Mr. Marsh for legal counsel to send a letter stating that North Alabama Security to cease and desist work and submit for licensure immediately or an injunction would be issued. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**IX.C.(d)**—Motion was made by Mr. Marsh for legal counsel to send a letter giving Island Technologies thirty (30) days to submit for licensure or a cease and desist would be issued followed by an injunction if need be. Second by Mr. Orr. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**IX.C.(e)**—Motion was made by Mr. Marsh for legal counsel to send a letter giving B-Secure thirty (30) days to submit for licensure or a cease and desist would be issued followed by an injunction if need be. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item **IX.D.** on the Executive Session agenda, a motion to accept a consent decree from Anytime Towing in Attalla, AL, owned by Mr. Doug Merkel, giving the AESBL jurisdiction over their company was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Mr. Orr. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item **IX.E.** on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Marsh for legal counsel to issue a letter to the District Attorney of Jefferson County and Madison County concerning Alabama Fresh Air. Second by Mr. Orr. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**XII. AESBL Budget for Fiscal Year 2017:**

Ms. Janet Robinson presented a report reflecting deposits and payments made in the first quarter and second quarter for FY2017. All subsequent meetings will have financial reports only for the preceding quarter.

**XIII. Other Business:**

**A. Approval of 2018-2019 Renewal/Application Packet and Postcard:**

The updated application packet for 2018-2019 was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Marsh to approve the release of the application packet

as presented in June 2017. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Marsh voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve, and Mr. Hunter voted to approve. Motion carried.

**B. 2017 AESBL Summer Workshop:**

The Board was informed that the third annual summer workshop to help licensees understand the application packet will be conducted on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at the AIDT Building.

**C. Online Renewals through Alabama Interactive:**

The Board was informed that online renewals should begin this summer through Alabama Interactive. Members were encouraged to conduct beta testing through the link provided to them via email.

**D. ALEA CJIS Symposium for Criminal & Noncriminal Justice Users:**

It was reported to the Board that Mr. Orr, Mrs. Taunton, Sheriff Cunningham, Ms. Carmack, and Ms. Janet Robinson attended the symposium on April 18, 2017. A letter was presented to the Board and signed by the chairman addressed to ALEA regarding the statute change currently before state legislature.

**E. Executive Secretary will now be Executive Director:**

The Board was informed that Mrs. Taunton's title has been changed from Executive Secretary to Executive Director.

**F. 2016 Statement of Economic Interests Forms:**

Ms. Janet Robinson reminded Board Members to file their forms on the Ethics Commission's website regarding their economic interests. The deadline for filing was May 1, 2017.

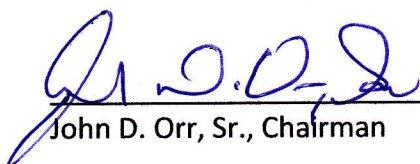
**G. Next Scheduled Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 14, 2017

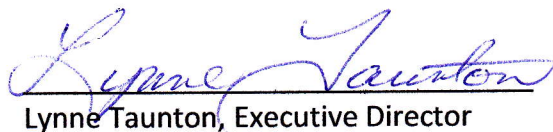
**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Orr voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Hunter voted to approve, and Mr. Marsh voted to approve. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approved by the Board on August 14, 2017.



John D. Orr, Sr., Chairman



Lynne Taunton, Executive Director